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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ESTIMATED SURFACE OF TERRITORIES NORTH AND
SOUTH OF 36° 30'.

TABULAR STATEMENT

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

SHOWING

The estimated surface of the territories of the United States north and west of the regularly organized States of the Union, and the portions of territory thereof north and south of the parallel of 36° 30' north latitude.

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Referred to the Committee on the Territories, and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
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The following is a copy of the tabular statement made at the request of the Select Committee of the Senate, of which Mr. Clayton is chairman, and is now transmitted for the use of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD M. YOUNG,
Commissioner.

Table showing the estimated surface of the Territories of the United States north and west of the regularly organized States of the Union, and the portions of territory thereof, situated north and south of the parallel of 36° 30' north latitude.

Territories.	Situated north of parallel 36° 30'.		Situated south of parallel 36° 30'.		Total.	
	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.
<i>Oregon Territory.</i>						
Bounded on the north by the parallel of 49° north latitude; south, by the parallel of 42° north latitude; east, by the Rocky mountains; and west, by the Pacific Ocean.....	341,463	218,536,320	.....	.....	341,463	218,536,320
<i>Territory north and west of the Mississippi river.</i>						
Bounded on the north by the 49° north latitude; east, by the Mississippi river; south, by the State of Iowa and the Platte river; and west, by the Rocky mountains	723,248	462,878,720	.....	.....	723,248	462,878,720
<i>Wisconsin Territory,</i>						
East of the Mississippi river, and north of the State of Wisconsin, being the balance remaining of the old Northwestern Territory	22,336	14,295,040	.....	.....	22,336	14,295,040
<i>Indian Territory,</i>						
Situated west of the States of Missouri and Arkansas, and south of the Platte or Nebraska river, held and appropriated in part for Indian purposes.....	190,505	121,923,200	58,346	37,341,440	248,851	159,264,640

<i>*Territory in Upper California and New Mexico,</i>						
West of the Rio Grande, to its source, and of a meridian line thence to the 42° north latitude, ceded to the United States by the treaty with Mexico of 1848	321,695	205,884,800	204,383	130,805,120	526,078	336,689,920
Total.....	1,599,247	1,023,515,080	262,729	168,146,560	1,861,976	1,191,664,640
The part which lies east of the Rio Grande, and west of the Nueces river, from the mouth of the former up to a line drawn from a point a short distance north of the town of Paso, to the source of the Ensenada, is estimated to contain.....						
And the part which lies north of Paso and the Ensenada river, up to the latitude of 42° north.....	43,537	27,863,680	81,396	52,093,440	124,933	79,957,120
Making together†.....	43,537	27,863,680	133,414	85,384,960	176,951	113,248,640

* This estimate excludes all that part of Texas which lies outside of its limits, as designated by the yellow shaded lines on Disturnell's Map of Mexico.

† This estimate limits, as will be seen, our acquisitions of territory from Mexico by the late treaty, exclusively to those portions of country lying west of the Rio Grande.

